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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Continuation Application of copending patent application Serial No. 09/776,041 filed February 1, 2001. Please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the specification and claims prior to calculating the filing fee.

In the Specification

Please amend the Specification as indicated; a clean copy of the amended paragraph follows.

Page 1, line 5, please insert -- The present invention is a continuation application of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/776,041, filed February 1, 2001--.

Clean Copy of Specification Paragraph

Page 1, Lines 5-6

The present invention is a continuation application of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/776,041, filed February 1, 2001.

In the Claims

Please delete claims 1-28 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

1 29. (new): A golf bag push cart comprising:
2 a frame having an upper end and a lower end;
3 a handle attached to said upper end of said frame, said handle being pivotally attached to said
4 frame at an upper frame pivot, so that said handle pivots about said upper frame pivot from an
5 extended position to a collapsed position;
6 a single front wheel attached to said lower end of said frame;
7 first and second rear wheels;
8 first and second wheel struts, to which said first and second rear wheels are rotatably mounted,
9 said first and second wheel struts being pivotally mounted to said frame by mid-frame pivots,
10 said wheel struts being coupled together;
11 at least one link rod connecting a portion of said handle to a portion of at least one of said wheel
12 struts, so that as said handle pivots, said link rod is pushed, and said at least one wheel strut is
13 urged to pivot such that said rear wheels move in unison towards each other as well as towards
14 said front wheel, as the golf bag push cart is being collapsed; and
15 a front wheel mount to which said front wheel is rotatably mounted, said front wheel
16 mount being pivotally attached to said frame by a lower frame pivot, and said front wheel and
17 said wheel mount pivot about said lower frame pivot so that said front wheel moves towards said
18 rear wheels, when said golf bag push cart is being collapsed.

1 30. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 29, wherein
2 said single front wheel is approximately the same diameter as said first and second rear
3 wheels.

1 32. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 29, wherein:

2 said rear wheels and said front wheel are spoked wheels with pneumatic tires.

1 33. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 29, further comprising:

2 a lower bag support mounted on said frame to support the lower end of a golf bag during usage;

3 wherein said front wheel is situated opposite said handle with said lower bag support

4 being situated therebetween during usage.

1 34. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 29, further comprising:

2 a lower bag support mounted on said frame to support the lower end of a golf bag during usage;

3 wherein said lower bag support vertically overlaps said front wheel during usage.

1 35. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 29, wherein:

2 said single front wheel pivots underneath said frame member when the golf bag push cart

3 is being collapsed.

1 36. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 29, and further comprising:

2 a lower bag support mounted on said frame to support the lower end of a golf bag during usage;

3 wherein said lower bag support partially horizontally brackets said front wheel during usage.

1 37. (new): A golf bag push cart which is movable from a extended configuration to a

2 collapsed configuration, comprising:

3 a frame;

4 a front wheel;
5 first and second rear wheels, which are pivotally mounted to said frame by mid-frame
6 pivots, and which are coupled together such that said rear wheels move in unison towards each
7 other as well as towards said front wheel, as the golf bag is being collapsed;
8 a front wheel mount to which said front wheel is rotatably mounted, said front wheel
9 mount being pivotally attached to said frame by a lower frame pivot, and said front wheel and
10 said wheel mount pivot about said lower frame pivot so that said front wheel pivots underneath
11 and rearward of said frame towards said rear wheels when said golf bag cart is in collapsed
12 configuration.

1 38. (new): The golf bag cart of claim 37, further comprising:
2 a lower bag support mounted on said frame to support the lower end of a golf bag during usage;
3 wherein said lower bag support vertically overlaps said front wheel during usage.

1 39 (new): The golf bag cart of claim 37, further comprising:
2 a lower bag support mounted on said frame to support the lower end of a golf bag during usage;
3 and
4 a handle at the upper end of said frame, to permit a user to grasp said handle and push the golf
5 cart thereby;
6 wherein said front wheel is situated opposite said handle with said lower bag support being
7 situated therebetween during usage.

1 40. (new): A golf bag push cart which is movable from a extended configuration to a
2 collapsed configuration, comprising:
3 a frame;
4 first and second rear wheels;
5 first and second wheel struts, to which said first and second rear wheels are rotatably
6 mounted, the first and second wheel struts being pivotally mounted to said frame by mid-frame
7 pivots;
8 a front wheel and a front wheel mount to which said front wheel is rotatably mounted,
9 said front wheel mount being pivotally attached to said frame by a lower frame pivot, such that
10 said front wheel pivots underneath said frame when moving to the collapsed position;
11 a handle which is pivotally attached to said frame at an upper frame pivot, so that said
12 handle pivots about said upper frame pivot from an extended position to a collapsed position;
13 and
14 at least one link rod which is at least semi-rigid, connecting a portion of said handle to a
15 portion of at least one of said wheel struts so that when said handle pivots about said upper frame
16 pivot, said link rod is pushed, and said at least one wheel strut is urged to pivot such that said
17 rear wheels pivot about said mid-frame pivots to move towards each other and also move
18 towards said front wheel, and said front wheel and said wheel mount pivot about said lower
19 frame pivot so that said front wheel moves towards said rear wheels when said golf bag cart is
20 being collapsed.

1 41. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 40, wherein:

2 said front wheel pivots vertically about said lower frame pivot, as it moves from an
3 extended configuration at the extreme opposite end of said frame from said handle to a collapsed
4 configuration.

1 42. (new): A golf bag push cart comprising:
2 a frame having a lower end;
3 a handle which is pivotally attached to said frame at an upper frame pivot at an upper end
4 of said frame, so that said handle pivots about said upper frame pivot from an extended position
5 to a collapsed position;
6 a front wheel;
7 first and second rear wheels;
8 first and second wheel struts, to which said first and second rear wheels are rotatably
9 mounted, the first and second wheel struts being pivotally mounted to said frame;
10 linking means connecting a portion of said handle to a portion of each of said wheel
11 struts, said wheel struts being thus coupled together such that said rear wheels move in unison in
12 response to pivotal motion by said handle when said golf bag cart is moved from a extended
13 configuration to a collapsed configuration; and
14 a front wheel mount to which said front wheel is rotatably mounted, said front wheel
15 mount being pivotally attached to said frame by a lower frame pivot, and said front wheel and
16 said wheel mount pivot about said lower frame pivot so that said front wheel moves from a
17 position forward of said lower end of said frame towards said rear wheels when said golf bag
18 push cart is being collapsed.

1 43. (new): A golf bag push cart comprising:

2 a frame having an upper end and a lower end, said frame comprising first and second
3 frame members;

4 a handle attached to said upper end of said frame, said handle being pivotally attached to
5 said frame at an upper frame pivot, so that said handle pivots about said upper frame pivot from
6 an extended position to a collapsed position;

7 a front wheel attached to said lower end of said frame, said front wheel having a tire
8 mounted thereon;

9 first and second rear wheels, each said rear wheel having a tire mounted thereon, said rear
10 wheels having approximately the same diameter as said front wheel;

11 first and second wheel struts, to which said first and second rear wheels are rotatably
12 mounted,

13 said first and second wheel struts being pivotally mounted to said frame by mid-frame
14 pivots, said wheel struts being coupled together such that said rear wheels move in unison
15 towards each other as well as towards said front wheel, as the golf bag push cart is being
16 collapsed; and

17 a front wheel mount to which said front wheel is rotatably mounted, said front wheel
18 mount being pivotally attached to said frame by a lower frame pivot, wherein said front wheel
19 and said wheel mount pivot about said lower frame pivot so that said front wheel moves towards
20 said rear wheels when said golf bag push cart is being collapsed.

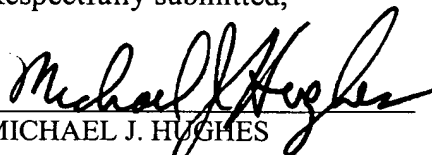
1 44. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 43, wherein:

2 said front wheel extends forward of said lower end of said frame when the golf bag push
3 cart is not collapsed, and pivots underneath and rearward of said lower end of said frame when
4 the golf bag push cart is collapsed.

1 45. (new): The golf bag push cart of claim 44 wherein
2 said front wheel rotates to a position vertically above the axis of said rear wheels when
3 the golf bag push cart is in the collapsed position.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with regard to this continuation application, a telephonic conference at the number set forth below is respectfully requested.

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